



IACA March 2012 Meeting Minutes

03/12/12 – Monday

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

IACS - cafeteria

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 pm

Accept Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes both the 2/6/12 meeting and 2/19/12 offsite meeting.

Vote to Accept Financials: Lori presented the treasurer's report, announcing fund allocations. Motion made and passed to accept the financials.

New Business /Upcoming Events:

1. It was noted that book fair set up is easier with Bookends, though there was a bit of trouble with the equipment this time around. Profits from this sale are still undetermined.
2. Note: the ice cream leftover from Beach party can be used for Athletic Field day or for class room contests.
3. Valerie read a thank you from Walter in response to the proposal we sent to him. At an offsite meeting at Annie's house we voted on this proposal regarding IACA fundraising for next year and Valerie sent it to Walter. Valerie read our proposal and briefly discussed our intent and concerns: we turned over enrichment to the school with concern that teachers may not get the funds that they need. So, will reevaluate each year. We will revisit our budget in August and cut limit it to items which are primary and important to us. The idea is to send a clear message to the school/community that we support the expansion initiative. We also will show a unified front with the school, while emphasizing that the students will not lose anything that we currently support. As always, the profits of IACA will go back to the school. For 2012-2013 it will all be going to the 100% initiative. Annie will put a message in the blast to encourage parents who may have questions or concerns to attend our next meeting and also supply a link to view the proposal on the IACA website.
4. Thank you notes to Beyond Benign from the HS Chemistry class were passed around.
5. Thanks were expressed to all the chairs and volunteers for dances, bake sales, open houses, etc for the months of January and February.
6. HS Semi Formal with the Parisian theme was excellent. Next time we should use sternos for hot food. Kids were VERY well behaved. Sheila H. asked to revisit "renting" the DJ equipment to the HS for dances. A motion was made and passed to allow HS, with responsible adult supervision, to use DJ equipment without charging them in the future.
7. A motion was made and passed for the IACA to supply the manpower to help with the June 16th High School Graduation reception for approximately 500 people. IACA will suggest that they use an RSVP to help with food planning. It is not within our budget to provide the food.
8. Heather said that the audit is complete and gave Lori a few tips that would make the process a bit smoother next time. Karin will get audit info to Lori.
9. Sheila H. will present to Mariclare the idea of the 8th graders using the Parisian them for their semiformal.

10. Valerie will check in with Bethany about Spirit week. Heather has wristbands left from the Beach Party that may be used for spirit week as well as clothes in our inventory downstairs. .
11. Scholarship applications went out; last day to apply is May 1st at noon.
12. Discussion of the need for jury parents. Susan sent an email out, but she may need to get back to Ann Cottle and Tina for additional help coordinating this. A suggestion is to encourage the school to use Google docs , sending the link in an email for parents to just sign up or maybe use homebase liaisons to get the word out.
13. The idea of a May breakfast fundraiser as a venue to sell basket raffle tickets was discussed and vetoed. Since most of the tickets are actually sold the night of the raffle/art show anyway. We'd still like to do basket raffle, since the kids really enjoy it and it is profitable. Valerie will email Gail F. to see if she will chair basket raffle.
14. Heather will take some of the IACS clothes in our inventory to make a couple of Spirit Baskets for Matty O'Malley's Wake taking place on 3/31 at 7pm. There are lots of great silent auction items and the list will be published on the website soon. Info about the Wake will be published in the blast each week. Walter agreed to have a paper flier go home with students as well. Heather still needs people for set up, clean up and for when silent auction closes. Please email Heather if you can help out: domeafavorheather@hotmail.com . She needs 20 tables to cover costs for the hall, actors, food. She has sold 9 so far. Lori will put posters up around Billerica. Lisa suggested putting up posters inside the Elks.
15. Tracy has resigned from coordinating the 12th grade bash. However, there are a group of parents that are working on the bash now. They will be raising money this year for next year's bash.
16. April 27th is the 5/6 next social. May 4th is the next 7/8 social Lisa will not be here for 7/8 social. She will have things all set up for it, but is looking for someone to help run it. We really need 14 chaperones for the socials. So, without a minimum of 12 chaperones, dances will not happen. Two weeks before the dances we'll send an email out seeking volunteers for chaperones. Lisa suggest that rather than do decorations, do give-aways and dance contests. We should spend money on gifts and contests...baskets, gifts, T-Shirts, etc. An idea was to put free dance tickets in the spirit basket at Big Time Social. A 6th grader told Lisa that we should have had a Valentine's party instead of a January winter party. Schedule did not permit this year, but food for thought next year.
17. Two IACS teams competed in the DI tournament on 3/11 with one team placing 3rd of 14 teams. Several other IACS students participated on teams from their respective towns with two of these teams moving on to the state tournament. Their creative problem solving is another great example of the IACS outcomes! Great job!
18. Annie suggestion for May's agenda: to come up with a volunteer sign-up strategy, so we can write down the actions of who is doing what and when to help us create a good database to work with. Annie will help this summer with hospitality in the event that Mariclare is tied up with school.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47pm

Attendees:

L. DiMattia, V. Clark, M. Frey, A. Accettullo, K. Wellenstein, H. Landis, S. Hingorani, B. Loehfelm, S. Robinson, C. McKiel, L. Reed